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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR TRAINING: A.N.M. NURUZZAMAN

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1. I PROVIDED LIST OF SCHOOLS IN REFTEL FEBRUARY 4 TO FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN, INDICATING THAT WE COULD NOT JUDGE WHETHER ANY OF THEM WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT NURUZZAMAN BUT POINTING OUT THAT ALL HAD FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAMS, ALL HAD POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES, AND ALL WERE LARGE ENOUGH TO PROVIDE A DIVERSE PROGRAM. I SAID THAT IF THEY STILL WISHED TO AVOID DRAWING ON THE HELP OF THEIR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, THEY MIGHT LIKE TO DIRECT INQUIRIES TO THE DIRECTORS OF ADMISSION AT THE UNIVERSITIES.

2. AFTER THANKING ME FOR THE LIST, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THOUGHT OUT LOUD FOR A FEW MINUTES ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THEY WOULD HAVE IN COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH THE INSTITUTIONS. I EXPLAINED THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND WONDERED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PRIVATE AGENCY OR GROUP THAT COULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE UNIVERSITIES ON THEIR BEHALF; I SAID I KNEW OF NONE. THE POINT HE FINALLY WOUND UP ON WAS WHETHER WE COULD IN SOME FASHION LEARN IF THE INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT A CANDIDATE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, WHICH WOULD BE THE CASE IF

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NURUZZAMAN WERE TO GO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT PART

OF THE PROBLEM WAS THE NEED TO ACT QUICKLY AND THAT HE COULD
EVISAGE SENDING OFF LETTERS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND
LEARNING A MONTH OR SL LATER THAT THEY HAD NO PLACES IN
MID-TERM FOR ANY CANDIDATE. HE HOPED THERE WAS A WAY WE
COULD HELP ON AT LEAST THIS POINT. I SAID I WOULD BE
REPORTING OUR CONVERSATION BUT THAT I COULD NOT ENCOURAGE
HIM TO THINK WE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE ANY OF THE
ARRANGEMENTS.

3. THE WAY THE MATTER WAS LEFT DOES NOT REQUIRE US TO
RESPOND FURTHER UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT WERE TO DECIDE THAT
IT WISHES TO HELP IN FINDING OUT WHETHER MID-TERM PLACEMENT
IS POSSIBLE AT THE INSTITUTIONS IN QUESTION.
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